GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:413
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2004
CATEGORISED OF LIME STONE OF RAJASTHAN
Meghwal Shri Kailash

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had abolished 6 percent rebate in freight charges of lime stone from Jaisalmer in Rajasthan since August 4, 2002 that was applicable between May 5, 2002 to August 3, 2002 by way of categorisation of lime stone in category 110;

(b) if so, whether TISCO and SAIL had requested the Government to categorise lime stone being transported from Jaisalmer in category 110 and provide 10 percent rebate in freight charges under Station-to-Station freight scheme;

(c) if so, the Government propose to provide 10 percent rebate in freight charges; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir. Limestone was classified at Class-120 and not at Class-110 on which rebate in freight was available as Station-to-Station rates concession which lapsed after the agreemental period with the zonal railways.

(b) Tata Iron & Steel Company (TISCO) and Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) had requested for 10% to 20% rebate in freight for Limestone under Station-to-Station rates scheme.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.